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Washington, D.C.—Today, Congressman Duncan Hunter made the following statement on the Supreme Court's judgment on Arizona's immigration law:

"Inaction by the federal government has forced Arizona and other states to confront the enormous strain on resources and finances that is attributed to illegal immigration."

"The federal government can put an end to all this uncertainty by enforcing the law—at the border and in the workplace. Several provisions of the Arizona law might have been invalidated, but an important part of the law is still in place, so there will be a lot of attention on this one aspect, and how it relates to state-based enforcement.

"Arizona's efforts are indicative of a much bigger problem—a problem that in large part sits with the federal government. If this Administration truly believes immigration enforcement is a federal duty, then it wouldn't try to routinely circumvent the law as it has done. Arizona had no other option and the state did what it needed to do for the protection of its citizens."